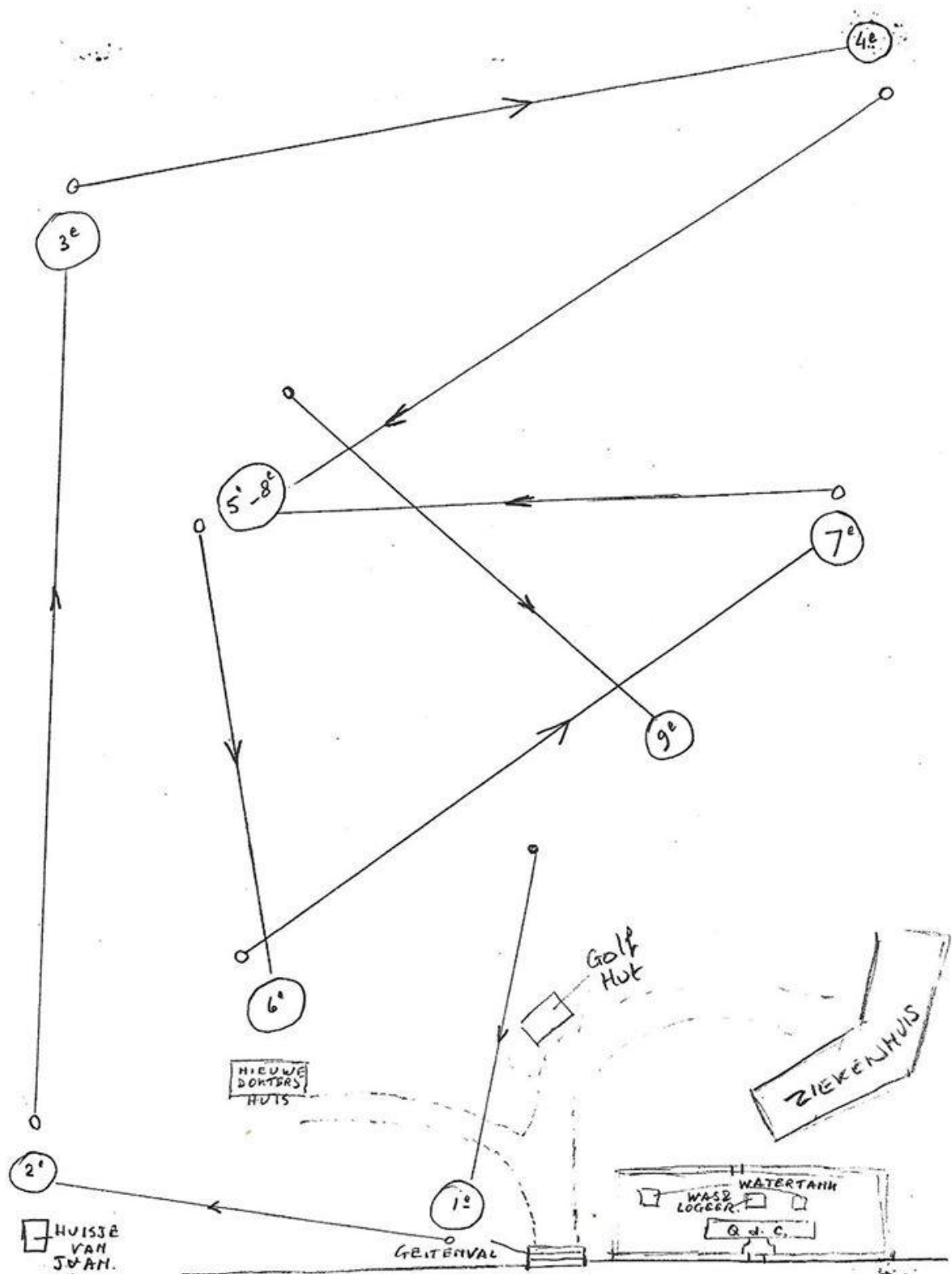




Did you know that Quinta del Carmen had its own backyard golfcourse?

Early 1920's, when the Eagle refinery was established in Aruba, there was need for a hospital. For this reason, they acquired Quinta Del Carmen, and the surrounding land, Bubali, with the aim of having a hospital and recuperating center.

On the surrounding lands, a golf course was created for the enjoyment and relaxation of the staff.

When the world war began, the refinery, and thus the hospital was put on hold.

Quinta Del Carmen became the “clubhouse” for the few staff that stayed behind, but was poorly maintained. After the war, the refinery was persuaded to have Quinta Del Carmen reopened for staff housing. The doctor still lived on the grounds, but the hospital never reopened, and fell into total disrepair.

The golf course, that was built by or for an avid golfer (Australian Jack O’Hara), in or after 1937, was still actively used. In reality, it was a seven hole course, but two holes were played twice.

Source: Facebook page Quinta del Carmen, 1 June 2015.